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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 5, 2007

1. Call to order.

The 323rd joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Elizabeth Cheadle at 7:30 p.m. on June 5, 2007 at the Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, Pacific Palisades, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Bryan Cash, Elva Yañez, Jerome C. Daniel, Ronald Schafer, Vice Chairperson, and Elizabeth Cheadle, Chairperson. Quorum present. The following members were absent: Linda Parks, James Berkus, Woody Smeck, and Antonio Gonzalez.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Dave Brown, Richard Gould, Mark Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, Lawren Markle, John McCord, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Dennis Seider, Garen Yegparian, and Don Robinson, Chairperson. The following members were absent: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Caroline Brown, Mary Sue Maurer, Barry Read, Paul Rockenstein, Wendy-Sue Rosen, William Koehler, Nancy Stephens, Marc Stirdivant, Timothy Wendler, Liane Weintraub, and George Lange, Vice Chairperson. A Quorum was present subsequent to the arrival of Michael Cacciotti at 8:10 p.m. The following members were present subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti and Claudia Bill De La Peña.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Deputy Executive Officer; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; James Yeramian, Board Secretary, and Monica Costello, Executive Assistant.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that the following legislative participants were present: Louise Rishoff, Laura Plotkin, and Steve Veres.

5. Approval of minutes.

The minutes of April 30, 2007 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of April 30, 2007 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chair, the Executive Director, and Mr. Daniel, representing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

No comments were made.

8. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following person addressed the Conservancy:

Mr. Randy Young, member of the public, on item 17.

9. Consent Calendar:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 12 funds to the Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority for pre-acquisition services in the Upper Santa Clara River watershed, Sierra Pelona Mountains, and San Gabriel Mountains.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution supporting Santa Clarita Open Space Preservation District measure.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a supplemental comment letter to Los Angeles County on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Northlake Specific Plan Phase 1, Tentative Tract Map No. 51852, SCH No. 2004081092, unincorporated Castaic Lake area.**

- (d) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to California Department of Transportation regarding the scoping of an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for proposed widening of Interstate 5 from State Route 14 to Lake Hughes Road.**
- (e) **Consideration of resolution supporting AB 3 (Bass), an act to repeal Section 32580 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy.**
- (f) **Consideration of resolution augmenting Proposition 40 Project Planning and Design grant SMM-0607.**
- (g) **Consideration of resolution augmenting Proposition 50 Project Planning and Design grant SMM-0464.**
- (h) **Consideration of resolution amending resolution No. 07-32 and authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire APNs 2821-009-020 and 029 in Devils Canyon in the Santa Susana Mountains, Upper Los Angeles River Watershed, unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution Nos. 07-34, 07-35, 07-36, 07-37, 07-38, 07-39, 07-40, and 07-41.

10. Presentation of the Green Visions Plan for 21st Century Southern California by the University of Southern California Center for Sustainable Cities.

The Executive Director introduced Mr. Travis Longcore, Ms. Jennifer Wolch, and Mr. John Wilson.

Comments were made by Mr. Longcore, Ms. Wolch, and Mr. Wilson.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Seider, Brown, Cash, and Robinson, Ms. Mikos, and Ms. Yañez.

Comments were made by Mr. Longcore, Ms. Wolch, and Mr. Wilson.

11. Presentation by BlueGreen Consulting on the proposed 8th Street Park on the Pacoima Wash in the City of San Fernando.

The Executive Director introduced Mr. Martin Kamerer and Ms. Lynn Dwyer.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Bill De La Peña and Ms. Palmer.

Comments were made by Mr. Kamerer and Ms. Dwyer.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 12 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire tax defaulted properties in the upper Santa Clara River watershed and the San Gabriel Mountains, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Kishbaugh, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-42.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-42.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 12 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to acquire property within the Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Protection Plan approved by the California Department of Fish and Game, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Gould, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-43.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-43.

14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the development and improvement of land and water resources at Towsley Canyon, Santa Clarita.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Yegparian, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-44.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Schafer, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-44.

Comments were made by the Chair, Messrs. Gould and Daniel, and the Executive Director.

- 15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the development and improvement of land and water resources at Mentryville, Santa Clarita.**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Palmer, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-45.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-45.

- 16. Consideration of resolution authorizing grant of Proposition 50 funds to the City of Malibu for a parks shuttle in furtherance of the Malibu parklands access plan.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

- 17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for protection of land and water resources, specifically the removal of non-native trees and vegetation, at Temescal Gateway Park, Los Angeles, and Ramirez Canyon Park, Malibu.**

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Mikos, and Mr. Brown.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Yegparian.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Director and Mr. Schafer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Mikos, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 07-47.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, the Conservancy adopted Resolution No. 07-47.

- 18. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: Pending litigation – *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission*, et al.; *Robings v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority*, and *Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy v. City of Malibu*, and related actions.**

No closed session was held.

19. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on July 9, 2007.

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

ELIZABETH A. CHEADLE
Chairperson